GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3598
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RAILWAY LINES IN HILLY STATES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of railway lines laid in the hilly States in the country since independence, State-wise;

(b) whether the Railways have formulated any comprehensive policy to improve rail network in these States;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Railways propose to extend railway lines upto border areas in hilly States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3598 BY SHRI VIRENDER KASHYAP TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.04.2012 REGARDING RAILWAY LINES IN HILLY STATES.

(a): The railway lines in terms of route kilometres of Indian Railways as on 31st March, 1948 was 54,693 kms. However, State-wise information of route kilometres was not recorded at that time.

As on 31.3.2011, Indian Railways have 64,459.90 route kilometres across 29 States and 6 Union Territories, out of which 10 hilly States account for 3,497.93 (5.43%) route kilometres as under:

S.No. Name of the State Route kilometres

1. Assam Rs.2433.99

2. Himachal Pradesh 296.26

3. Jammu & Kashmir 255.67

4. Manipur 1.35

5. Meghalaya 0

6. Mizoram 1.50

7. Nagaland 12.85

8. Sikkim 0

9. Tripura 151.40

10. Uttrarakhand 344.91

Total 3497.93

(b) : At present, Railways do not have any comprehensive policy specifically with regard to laying of railway lines in the hilly States in the country.

(c) Railway lines are constructed as per traffic potential or as strategic lines. Laying of railway lines in hilly States is capital intensive and poses technological challenge, usually lines in the hilly States are categorized as national projects and strategic lines and most of it is funded by Central Government.

(d) At present, there are some projects like New Line, Doubling, Gauge Conversion going on in the hilly States in the country which are going near the border areas.

(e) Works on the following railway lines in hilly States to border areas are in progress:-

NEW LINES

Sl.No.	Railway	Year of Inclusion	Name of the Project
1.	North Eastern	2003-04	Kichha-Khatima
2.	Northeast Frontier	1992-93	Dudhnoi-Mendipathar
3.	Northeast Frontier	1996-97	Harmuti-Naharlgaon (20 kms.)
4.	Northeast Frontier	2003-04	Jiribam-Imphal Road (Tupul)
5.	Northeast Frontier	2006-07	Teteliya-Byrnihat
6.	Northeast Frontier	2006-07	Dimapur-Kohima (Zubza)
7.	Northeast Frontier	2008-09	Agartala-Sabroom
8.	Northeast Frontier	2008-09	Bhairabi-Sairang
9.	Northeast Frontier	2008-09	Sivok-Rangpo
10.	Northeast Frontier	2010-11	Byrnihat-Sillong
11	Northeast Frontier	2010-11	Jogbani-Biratnagar
12.	Northeast Frontier	2011-12	Murkongselek-Pasigha
13.	Northern	1994-95	Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramula

GAUGE CONVERSION

1.	East Central	2010-11	Jaynagar-Bijalpura with extension to Bardibas
2.	North Eastern	2007-08	Bhojipura-Pilibhit-Tanakpur
3.	Northeast Frontier	1996-97	Lumding-Silchar including alignment between Migrendisa-Dittockchera (198 kms.) and extension from Badarpur to Bhariagram (44 kms.) and gauge conversion of Bairagram-Dulabchera with byepass at Karimganj (29.4 kms) and Karimganj -Maishashan (10.3 kms) 2011-12.
4.	Northeast Frontier	1997-98	Katakhal-Bairabhi
5.	Northeast Frontier	2003-04	Rangia-Murkongselek

alongwith linked fingers
6. Northeast Frontier 1998-99 New Jalpaiguri-Siliguri-New

Bongaigaon line alongwith branch lines with Chalsa-Jaldhaka (16 kms) new line 2011-12.